



West Virginia
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YOUTH SERVICES
SYSTEM, INC.

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Youth Services System, Inc. Awarded Initial Opportunity Grant from West Virginia First Foundation

WHEELING, W.Va. – Youth Services System, Inc. (YSS) is proud to announce its selection as a recipient of the West Virginia First Foundation's (WVFF) inaugural Opportunity Grant.

The grant, totaling \$366,250, will support the expansion of recovery housing through the purchase of land and two manufactured modular homes, increasing capacity by three beds for men and two beds for women. This project aligns with YSS's mission to create better futures for children, families, and our community by expanding access to safe, stable housing that supports long-term recovery.

"We are deeply grateful to the West Virginia First Foundation for believing in our vision and supporting our work," said Jill Eddy, CEO of YSS. "This grant will help us increase access to recovery housing, providing individuals with a safe place to build a strong foundation for their future. Together, we are making strides toward a healthier and more hopeful West Virginia."

Jonathan Board, executive director of the West Virginia First Foundation, praised the work of YSS: "Organizations like YSS are at the heart of our mission to empower communities and combat the effects of substance use disorder. Their dedication to creating positive change is inspiring, and we are honored to support their efforts through the Initial Opportunity Grant."

The WVFF Initial Opportunity Grant underscores the Foundation's dedication to investing in organizations and initiatives that address the opioid epidemic and its far-reaching impacts across the state. YSS is honored to be part of this mission and is committed to using this funding to drive meaningful change.

To learn more about West Virginia First Foundation, visit wvfirst.org. To learn more about YSS, visit youthservicessystem.org.

About West Virginia First Foundation: The West Virginia First Foundation (WVFF) is a nonprofit organization established to address the opioid crisis and its lasting impact across the state. Created under the terms of the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), WVFF was designed to receive and distribute opioid settlement funds. Guided by the principles outlined in the MOU, the Foundation operates as a private 501(c)(3) entity to support prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction efforts. Through strategic funding and community collaboration,

WVFF is committed to creating sustainable solutions that improve the health and well-being of all West Virginians. For more information, visit wvfirst.org.

About Youth Services System, Inc.: *Youth Services System, Inc.'s mission is "to create better futures for children, families and our community." YSS is committed to responding to the complex needs of youth at serious risk. Since 1974, Youth Services System, Inc. has reached thousands of youth and their families with our shelter, residential, community-based and professional services. Together with youth and their families, we work to improve their physical and emotional well-being, to address the debilitating effects of abuse, substance use, and trauma, and to build the skills and connections they need to be successful. Accredited by CARF International, YSS is supported by our volunteer Board of Directors, dedicated staff and faithful community, allowing us to make a measurable impact on the lives of youth. For more information, visit www.youthservicessystem.org.*